

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
SUFFOLK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PARKS,  
RECREATION AND CONSERVATION  
MINUTES OF APRIL 15, 2010  
SOUTHAVEN LODGE, BROOKHAVEN, NY**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Miles Borden	Trustee, Town of Smithtown
Gil Cardillo	Chairman, Town of Riverhead
Scott Hilary	Trustee, Town of Southold
Richard Hollborn	Trustee, Town of Babylon
Dawn Hopkins	Trustee, Town of Brookhaven
Alexander McKay	Trustee, Town of Huntington
Bill Shilling	Member of the Board
William B. Sickles	Trustee, Town of Southampton
Richard F. White, Jr.	Trustee, Town of East Hampton

**ABSENT**

Gregory Dawson	Vice Chairman, Town of Islip
Amy Engel	Member of the Board

**VACANT**

Member at Large

**PARKS DEPARTMENT**

John W. Pavacic	Commissioner
Tracey Bellone	Deputy Commissioner
Colleen Hofmeister	Contracts
Tom Malanga	Intergovernmental Relations Coordinator
Tony Trotta	Superintendent
Barbara Weiss	Senior Account Clerk

**GUESTS**

Lauretta Fischer	Principal Environmental Analyst, Planning Dept.
Pamela Greene	Director, Real Property
Tom Young	County Attorney's Office

Chairman Cardillo called the meeting to order and asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of Trustee Ray Corwin. His long record of leadership and service to the County as a Trustee for 19 years and his vast knowledge will be missed by all.

Trustee White welcomed newly appointed members Richard Hollborn from the Town of Babylon and William Sickles from the Town of Southampton to the Board of Trustees

**PUBLIC PORTION**

Tom Jones representing the Suffolk Committee for Camping extended their condolences on the loss of Trustee Ray Corwin.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MARCH 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2010**

**A motion to accept the minutes with a correction to page 3, paragraph #7, phrase to read “unsunset the fee increase” was made by Trustee White and seconded by Trustee Borden. The minutes were unanimously approved by a vote of 8-0-0.**

## **COMMISSIONER’S REPORT**

Commissioner discussed the great contributions that Trustee Corwin had made in his lifetime to the environment and his ability to work with diverse groups of people with different points of view and concern. Discussion ensued about an appropriate tribute to Trustee Corwin, and a suggestion was made to rename the Pine Barrens Trail Center in Manorville in his honor.

**A motion to name the Pine Barrens Trail Center in Manorville after Trustee Ray Corwin was made by Trustee Hopkins and seconded by Trustee White. The motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 8-0-0.**

### **Indian Island County Park**

Due to significant erosion over the past several years, the department has been replacing sand at the eastern most point of Indian Island Park where it faces onto Flanders Bay and Great Peconic Bay, under a DEC permit obtained in 2006. The discovery of significant Native American remains prompted the application for the DEC permit. While replacing the sand during the past several weeks, the Town of Riverhead and a local marina owner have expressed considerable interest in the project, claiming that the sand is washing into several creeks and causing navigational issues. The department will be meeting with DPW at the site to discuss this issue and to explore long-term alternatives.

### **Parks Erosion**

The department is working with FEMA and SEMO in regard to erosion at other park sites. Department of Fire Rescue and Emergency Services have been interfacing with FEMA and SEMO regarding storm damage over the past several months. Hoping for a Federal declaration to receive storm damage funding.

### **Smith Point**

Not feasible to deposit sand there between now and Memorial Day due to the amount of sand that is needed and problems of trucking it across the bridge. Hoping sand will build up naturally. The fishing pier will be getting two deliveries of the Ipe wood from South America sometime in May. Contractor has promised to expedite the installation.

Regarding the plover population, the outer beach is currently open but has limited access.

### **Meschutt Beach**

Two deliveries of sand have been deposited on the beach. FEMA was projecting around \$400,000 for sand replenishment. Waiting for final paperwork from SEMO. Possible for more sand to be delivered before Memorial Day.

## **CHAIRMAN’S REPORT**

Chairman Cardillo asked for everyone to introduce themselves since there are new members on the Board.

## **ROUND TABLE**

Pamela Greene reported that the Suffolk County Division of Real Property has acquired ownership through a tax default of the Manorville Bible Church and cemetery, which is located directly across from the Pine Barrens Trail Center. Interest has been expressed from the local historical society to have it maintained for public use. The property may be transferred to the Parks Department and added to the holdings of historical buildings.

Trustee Hopkins reported that the Lake Advisory Committee met and is pursuing an LWRP grant; waiting for NYS Budget to be approved. Possibly forming a non-profit organization under a 501C-3.

Trustee Hilary reported that the access gate to Cedar Beach in Southold is damaged. Tony Trotta will follow-up.

Trustee McKay has to decline the nomination to represent the Trustees on the Parks Foundation Board due to other commitments.

**A motion to nominate Trustee White to represent the Parks Trustees on the Parks Foundation Board was made by Trustee McKay and seconded by Chairman Cardillo. The motion was approved unanimously approved by a vote of 8-0-0.**

Trustee White reported that the GATR site project is moving along.

Trustee Hollborn inquired as to when the historical society will occupy the VanBourgonndien site in Babylon. There is an agreement in place and the society has the keys. Waiting for the CO and proof of insurance.

Trustee Sickles inquired about the maintenance of Poxebogue County Park in Bridgehampton. Friends for the Long Pond Greenbelt have asked if some work could be done to improve the entrance by clearing the area for cars to park and install some signage. The open field area should be mowed for ground nesting birds after nesting season is over.

Tom Malanga reported that the County Executive has signed the resolution establishing the contract for the Parks Foundation. Thanked Commissioner Pavacic and Deputy Commissioner Bellone for their stewardship in this area.

Earth Day celebration is scheduled for April 24 at Indian Island County Park from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. He thanked Emily Lauri for scheduling the vendors. Parks Foundation has signed a Blue Grass band to perform. He reported on ticket sales for the Earth Day fundraiser dinner on April 23 at 7 p.m. at Timber Point Country Club; County Executive Levy, Nancy Manfredonia from LI Greenbelt Trail Conference, and News 12 reporter Doug Geed are being honored. Deputy Commissioner Bellone thanked Tom and Colleen Hofmeister for their work in making the Parks Foundation a reality.

Lauretta Fisher inquired about making some type of donation in memory of Trustee Corwin possibly to the Trail Center. A dedicated fund may be set up by the Parks Foundation in Trustee Corwin's name as was done with Trustee Fritz.

Commissioner Pavacic reported that the Seatuck Environmental Association is now installed at the Scully Estate. CO has been received for occupancy of that structure. Renovations have been completed. Next week, there will be a series of opening events; one on April 22, Earth Day and one on Saturday, April 24. The Suffolk County Environmental Interpretative Center is also located at Scully.

The next Trustees meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at Bergen Point Country Club, West Babylon, New York.

**A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Trustee White and seconded by Trustee Hilary. The motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 8-0-0.**